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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support the government's decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust case. I believe Microsoft was unduly attacked in this lawsuit, and I support the government doing what is necessary to stop this needless waste of government resources.

By prosecuting Microsoft, the government has unduly punished one of the great innovators of our time. I liken Bill Gates to Thomas Edison, not to the monopolist he has been made out to be. His work has resulted in the production of excellent products, and has strengthened our strong economy. Now Microsoft will be required to use a uniform pricing list when licensing Windows, and will be prevented from taking retaliatory measures when vendors sell or promote non-Microsoft products.

The terms of the settlement agreement are fair, and are in the public's interest. For the good of our economy, I hope the Department of Justice takes whatever steps are necessary to ensure that this settlement goes through.

Sincerely,

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